

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, Adjournment Resolution.
Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, Condemning Terrorist Attacks in Spain.
Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution.
The House passed H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2591–S2650

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2194–2206, S.J. Res. 29, S. Res. 318–319, and S. Con. Res. 98.
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Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.
(See next issue.)

Condemning Terrorist Attacks in Spain: By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 43), Senate agreed to S. Res. 319, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the deadly terrorist attacks against the people of Spain that occurred on March 11, 2004.
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Congressional Budget Resolution: By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 58), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S2591–S2641, S2643–50, (continued next issue.)

Adopted:

Mikulski Amendment No. 2820, to provide a deficit neutral reserve fund to provide a tuition tax credit.
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Coleman Amendment No. 2821, to provide \$1.9 billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$4,500 by reducing spending in other Federal Government programs, except education programs, by a commensurate amount.
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Feinstein/Hollings Amendment No. 2753, to express the sense of the Senate regarding funding for port security.
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Murkowski/Campbell Amendment No. 2822, to increase funding for the Indian Health Services.
(See next issue.)

Inhofe/Bingaman Amendment No. 2823, to return to the original scoring of the energy savings performance contract program.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Conrad) Amendment No. 2831, to express the sense of the Senate regarding tribal colleges and universities.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2833, to establish a reserve fund for expansion of the pediatric vaccine distribution program.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2717, to increase investments in implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act to benefit national forests, the environment, local communities, and local economies.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Kennedy/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 2699, to prevent unspent SCHIP funds from reverting to the Treasury rather than being used to provide coverage for low-income children.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Thomas) Amendment No. 2794, to restore discretionary funding levels for crucial rural health programs, such as the rural health outreach grant program, the rural hospital flexibility grant program, the small hospital improvement program, telehealth, trauma programs, and rural AED programs to fiscal year 2004 levels and offset this change by reductions in overall government travel expenses.
(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Pryor) Modified Amendment No. 2810, stating the sense of the Senate regarding the

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the weatherization assistance program.

(See next issue.)

Enzi/Cantwell Amendment No. 2832, to increase funding for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) by \$250 million in fiscal year 2005, by increasing function 500.

(See next issue.)

Conrad (for Clinton) Amendment No. 2780, to establish a reserve fund for addressing minority health disparities.

(See next issue.)

Crapo Amendment 2784, to increase funding for the Environmental Protection Agency for the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Lincoln) Amendment No. 2837, to prevent tax increases for families who receive child tax credit.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2838, expressing the sense of the Senate for support of funding restoration for agriculture research and extension.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Snowe) Amendment No. 2839, to increase funding for the SBA 7(a) loan guarantee, Microloan and other small business programs and to offset the cost of that spending through across-the-board cuts in function 920.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Sessions/Cornyn) Amendment No. 2733, to provide full funding for NASA's fiscal year 2005 space exploration initiatives.

(See next issue.)

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 54), Levin/Collins Amendment No. 2817, to lower crude oil prices resulting from the cancellation of planned future deliveries of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and using the funding made available to provide \$1.7 billion in funding for homeland security grants for first responders, firefighter assistance, and port security, and to reduce the debt.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Hagel) Amendment No. 2841, to express the sense of the Senate on the need for a United States animal identification program as an effective disease surveillance, monitoring, and control tool serving the needs of the United States livestock industry and public health.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Santorum) Amendment No. 2842, to reaffirm the United States ratio for contributions to The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2843, to restore law enforcement assistance, and juvenile justice assistance, especially title V, and JAB6, to the Department of Justice.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Dole/Leahy) Amendment No. 2844, to express the sense of the Senate concerning child nutrition funding.

(See next issue.)

By 72 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 56), Specter/Collins Modified Amendment No. 2741, to increase discretionary health funding by \$2,000,000,000.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Lugar) Amendment No. 2845, to provide for an increase and a decrease in funding for certain programs.

(See next issue.)

Murkowski Amendment No. 2846, to increase veterans medical care by \$1,200,000,000.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Grassley) Amendment No. 2847, to express the sense of the Senate regarding compensation for exposure to toxic substances at Department of Energy facilities.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Byrd/Cochran) Amendment No. 2848, to correct the scoring for Project Bioshield.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 2850, to increase budget authority and outlays in Function 450 (Community and Regional Development) and Function 500 (Education, Training, Employment, and Social Security) to establish a New Homestead Venture Capital Fund to make equity and near equity investments in start-up and expanding businesses located in high out-migration rural counties and to repay up to 50 percent of college loans (up to \$10,000) for recent graduates who live and work in such counties for five years, respectively; and to express the sense of the Senate that any revenue measure passed by Congress in the future should include tax incentives designed to address the devastating problem of chronic out-migration from rural communities in America's Heartland and that those tax incentives should be fully offset.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for DeWine/Leahy) Amendment No. 2697, to increase the new budget authority in the International Affairs function by \$330,000,000 for fiscal year 2005 to provide adequate funding for the Child Survival and Health Program, with a corresponding offset in function 920.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2715, to increase funding to facilitate reconstruction in Haiti.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Lugar) Amendment No. 2785, to express the sense of the Senate concerning summer food pilot projects.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Specter) Amendment No. 2851, to strike section 404.

(See next issue.)

Nickles (for Collins/Carper) Amendment No. 2852, to provide a deficit neutral reserve fund for Postal Service reform.

(See next issue.)

Landrieu Amendment No. 2775, to provide for eliminating the Survivor Benefit Plan-Social Security offset for military widows and widowers while reducing the debt, offset by the elimination of tax benefits to individuals and corporations that avoid United

States taxation by establishing a foreign domicile and other tax loopholes and tax shelters.

(See next issue.)

Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 41), Boxer Amendment No. 2783, to create jobs, to discourage the shipping of jobs overseas, and provide adjustment assistance for dislocated workers, by changing the tax treatment of certain income from runaway plants, and by reducing tax breaks for certain individuals.

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By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 42), Sarbanes Amendment No. 2789, to fully fund the FIRE and SAFER Acts and reduce tax breaks for certain individuals.

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By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 44), Dorgan Amendment No. 2793, to increase funding for COPS, Byrne grants, and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants, and reduce tax breaks for certain individuals.

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By 44 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 45), Lautenberg Amendment No. 2703, to reduce debt and require the industries responsible for producing products that contaminate toxic waste sites and industries who are exempt from liability for such contamination, to help pay for the cleanup by reinstating the Superfund polluter pays fees, and to reduce the deficit.

Pages S2629–30, S2639–40, S2644

By 32 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 46), Harkin Amendment No. 2799, to provide for increased resources for medical research, disease control, wellness, tobacco cessation and preventative health efforts including substance abuse and mental health services, establishing a fund for this purpose, offset by an increase in the cigarette tax to \$1 and proportional increases in other tobacco excise taxes and deficit reduction.

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By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 47), Lincoln Amendment No. 2803, to provide \$60 billion over five years for greater health security for working Americans and their families through a combination of public and private efforts to expand quality, affordable health insurance coverage and cut health care costs by eliminating certain tax loopholes.

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By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 48), Byrd Amendment No. 2804, to provide responsible restraints on discretionary funding while providing adequate resources for education, veterans, homeland security, and other critical domestic priorities and fully offsetting the cost by closing corporate tax loopholes, improving tax enforcement and reducing tax breaks for certain individuals.

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By 40 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 50), Lieberman Amendment No. 2807, to restore cuts and increase

funding for homeland security programs and reduce the debt by reducing tax breaks for certain individuals.

Pages S2631–35, S2647

By 44 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 51), Conrad (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 2725, to create a reserve fund to finance an increase in the maximum Pell Grant that keeps pace with the rate of increase in public college tuition, extend Pell Grants to 500,000 new recipients, and close certain tax loopholes.

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By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 52), Daschle Amendment No. 2774, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Indian Health Service Clinical Services by \$3.44 billion and lower the national debt by eliminating certain tax loopholes or reducing tax breaks for individuals with incomes in excess of \$1 million per year.

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By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 53), Dodd Amendment No. 2762, to create a reserve fund to allow for an increase in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program by \$1 billion and to eliminate certain tax loopholes.

(See next issue.)

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 57), Lautenberg Amendment No. 2797, to strike the provision for raising the debt limit.

(See next issue.)

Dayton Amendment No. 2786, to provide full mandatory funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) part B grants over five years by reducing tax breaks for the wealthiest taxpayers.

(See next issue.)

Reed Amendment No. 2790, to create a reserve fund to increase funding for college and student financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant program, campus-based assistance, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, TRIO, GEAR UP, and graduate level programs, and lower the national debt by closing certain tax loopholes.

(See next issue.)

Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 2849, to create a reserve fund to permit an increase in veteran's medical care that is fully offset with an assessment on excessive lawyer fees paid under the tobacco settlement.

(See next issue.)

Corzine Amendment No. 2777, to eliminate tax breaks for those with incomes greater than \$1 million and reserve the savings to prevent future cuts in Social Security benefits.

(See next issue.)

Santorum Amendment No. 2853, to provide for an increase and a decrease in funding for certain programs.

(See next issue.)

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 49), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to waive section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Bingaman Amendment No. 2765, to ensure that legislation is not enacted that increases the number of taxpayers affected by the alternative minimum tax. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 305 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment thus falls.

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By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 55), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the point of order that McConnell Amendment No. 2840, to prohibit future income tax hikes on upper incomes that fail to exempt small businesses that file individual income tax returns as partnerships, sole proprietors, or subchapter S corporations, was not germane. Subsequently, the point of order was sustained and the amendment thus falls.

(See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with declarations and understandings. (Treaty Doc. 103–39) (Ex. Rept. 108–10)

(See next issue.)

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–73)

(See next issue.)

Appointments:

National Commission of Small Community Air Service: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader pursuant to Public Law 108–176, Section 411(b)(1)(B), appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Mayor Boy Corker of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

(See next issue.)

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. 59), Louis Guirola, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

(See next issue.)

Feliciano Foyo, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring August 12, 2004.

Neil Vincent Wake, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006. (Reappointment)

Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006. (Reappointment)

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G–8.

Sanford Gottesman, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005.

Diane M. Ruebling, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

C. William Swank, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005. (Reappointment)

Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2004.

Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **(See next issue.)**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Tina Westby Jonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from

October 27, 2002. (Reappointment)

Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Lewis W. Lucke, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Earle I. Mack, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea.

John M. Ordway, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

32 Army nominations in the rank of general.

5 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Messages From the House: (See next issue.)

Measures Referred: (See next issue.)

Measures Placed on Calendar: (See next issue.)

Executive Communications: (See next issue.)

Executive Reports of Committees: (See next issue.)

Additional Cosponsors: (See next issue.)

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: (See next issue.)

Additional Statements: (See next issue.)

Amendments Submitted: (See next issue.)

Notices of Hearings/Meetings: (See next issue.)

Authority for Committees To Meet: (See next issue.)

Privilege of the Floor: (See next issue.)

Record Votes: Nineteen record votes were taken today. (Total—59) Pages S2640, S2641, S2643, S2644, S2645, S2646, S2647, S2648

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 1:44 a.m., on Friday, March 12, 2004, until 10 a.m., on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in the next issue of the Record.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FOREST SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Dale N. Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, and Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), after receiving testimony from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; and Donald L. Scott, Deputy Librarian of Congress.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on missile defense after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Admiral James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Commander, United States Strategic Command; Thomas P. Christie, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Lieutenant General Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Lieutenant General Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, Space and Missile Defense Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, focusing on Army Transformation, after receiving testimony from Claude M. Bolton, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army; and Major General John M. Curran, USA, Director, Future Centers, Headquarters, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prescription drug importation and related matters, focusing on reducing drug costs, safety concerns relating to importation, recent action by the States, drug counterfeiting, and the Medicare importation study and task force, after receiving testimony from Representatives Burton and Sanders; and Mark B. McClellan, Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

ABANDONED MINE LANDS PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2086, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S.2049, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned

mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey D. Jarrett, Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior; Steve Hohmann, Director, Kentucky Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement, Frankfort, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission and the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs; Evan J. Green, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Cheyenne; Joe Shirley, Jr., Navajo Nation, Washington, D.C.; Charles Gauvin, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia; and Micheal Buckner, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million

jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, after receiving testimony from Frederick W. Smith, FedEx Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Michael L. Eskew, United Parcel Service, Atlanta, Georgia; Gary M. Mulloy, ADVOC, Inc., Windsor, Connecticut; Gary B. Pruitt, McClatchy Company, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the Newspaper Association of America; and H. Robert Wientzen, Direct Marketing Association, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Diane S. Sykes, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, James L. Robart, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Juan R. Sanchez and Lawrence F. Stengel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 3936–3965; and 9 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89–90; H. Con. Res. 382–384, and H. Res. 557–560, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3261, to prohibit the misappropriation of certain databases, amended adverse (H. Rept. 108–421, Pt. 2).

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Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004:

The House passed H.R. 3717, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, by a recorded vote of 391 ayes to 22 noes with one voting “present”, Roll No. 55.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to increase the penalties for violations by television and

radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane material.

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The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

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Agreed to:

Upton amendment that preserves a licensee’s right of a license to appeal a forfeiture order issued by the FCC for the broadcast of obscene, indecent, or profane material before the existence of such an order can be used in a license application proceeding, renewal proceeding, or revocation proceeding and also requires the FCC to provide Congress with information related to the number of times that violators refuse to pay a forfeiture order and that the FCC refers such orders to collections; and

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Sessions amendment that directs the GAO to study and report within one year the number of complaints concerning the broadcasting of obscene,

indecent, and profane material to the FCC the; number of such complaints that result in final agency actions by the FCC; the length of time taken by the FCC in responding to such complaints; what mechanisms the Commission has established to receive, investigate, and respond to such complaints; and whether complainants to the FCC are adequately informed by the FCC of the responses to their complaints. **Page H1034**

H. Res. 554, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Commending India on its celebration of Republic Day: Debated on March 10, H. Con. Res. 15, commending India on its celebration of Republic Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 56; and **Pages H1035–36**

Expressing the condolences of the House for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski: Debated on March 10, H. Res. 540, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the House of Representatives for the untimely death of Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas and nay vote of 411 yeas to with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 57. **Pages H1036–37**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Friday, March 12, and further that when it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 for Morning-Hour debate. **Page H1069**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 17. **Page H1069**

Senate Adjournment: Agreed to S. Con. Res. 98, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate. **Page H1057**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Iran—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (108–173). **Page H1045**

Senate Messages: Messages from the Senate today appear on page H1013.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1035, H1035–36, and H1036–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Committee Meetings

PEANUT PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Speciality Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs held a hearing to review the Peanut Program. Testimony was heard from Floyd Gaibler, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: Lester M. Crawford, Acting Commissioner; Jeffrey M. Weber, Associate Commissioner, Management and Chief Financial Officer; and William R. Beldon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

COMMERCE, STATE, JUSTICE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, State, Justice, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts; and Chief Judge John Heyburn, Chairman, Budget Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Secretary of Energy. Testimony was heard from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Border and Transportation Security. Testimony was heard from Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from ADM David Stone, USN, (Ret.), Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Education. Testimony was heard from Rodney Paige, Secretary of Education.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—NAVY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Navy Research and Development, Transformation and Future Navy Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N-7) (Warfare Requirements and Programs); VADM Cutler J. Dawson, Jr., Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (N-8) (Resources, Requirements, and Assessments); LTG Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research, Director, Test and Evaluation and Technology Requirements.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—ASSESSING ADEQUACY TO MEET READINESS NEEDS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Assessing the Adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget to Meet Readiness Needs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN George Casey, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, Army, Headquarters, Department of the Army; ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations and LTG Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commander, Plans, Policy and Operations, U.S. Marine Corps, both with the Department of the Navy; and GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, Air Force, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OVERSIGHT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Special Oper-

ations Command Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; LTG Philip Kensinger, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command; LTG Paul Hester, USAF, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command; RADM Albert Calland, USN, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command; and Command CMSgt Robert Martens, Jr., U.S. Air Force, Senior Enlisted Advisor, U.S. Special Operations Command.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Began mark up of the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CHANGING NATURE OF THE ECONOMY—CRITICAL ROLES OF EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "The Changing Nature of the Economy: The Critical Roles of Education and Innovation in Creating Jobs & Opportunity in a Knowledge Economy." Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

COLLEGE RECRUITING—ARE STUDENT ATHLETES BEING PROTECTED?

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "College Recruiting: Are Student Athletes Being Protected?" Testimony was heard from Representative Osborne; and public witnesses.

IRAQ—REBUILDING CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the Complex Task of Coordinating Contracts Amid Chaos: The Challenges of Rebuilding a Broken Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: MG Carl A. Strock, USA, Director, Civil Works, Army Corps of Engineers; GEN Paul J. Kern, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Material Command; MG Wade H. McManus, Jr., USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Field Support Command; Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Policy and Procurement); Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary, (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer; William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; and RADM David Nash, USN (Ret.), Director, Iraq Program Management Office, Coalition Provisional Authority; and Lewis Lucke, Deputy Assistant Administrator, AID, Department of State.

“CERVICAL CANCER AND HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Cervical Cancer and Human Papillomavirus.” Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Florida; the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Ed. Thompson, M.D., Deputy Director, Public Health Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Edward L. Trimble, M.D., Gynecologic Oncologist, National Cancer Institute, NIH; and Daniel G. Schultz, M.D., Director, Office of Device Evaluation, Center for Devices and Radiologic Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

SUDAN: PEACE AGREEMENT AROUND THE CORNER?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Sudan: Peace Agreement Around the Corner? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs; and Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator, Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, AID; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COPYRIGHT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Section 115 of the Copyright Act: In Need of Update? Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IMMIGRATION FUNDING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Funding for Immigration in the President’s 2005 Budget.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—BUDGET REQUESTS—NOAA AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2005 budget requests for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN, (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and Steven A. Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

CURRENT BUDGET PROCESS—CONSIDER NEW REFORM AND ENFORCEMENT PROPOSALS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing to assess the effectiveness of the current budget process and consider new reform and enforcement proposals. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hensarling, Ryan of Wisconsin, Chocola, Stenholm, Hill, Kirk, Hastings of Washington, Castle and Cox; and Josh Bolten, Director, OMB.

EPA BUDGET

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on the Fiscal Year EPA Budget. Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Paul Gilman, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; Paul Posner, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

VA’S POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER PROGRAMS STATUS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the current status of Department of Veterans’ post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; Thomas Horvath, M.D., Chief of Staff, Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Terence Keane, Director, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Boston Health Care System; Harold Kudler, M.D., Co-Chair, Under Secretary, Health’s Special Committee on PTSD, Durham Medical Center; Chaplain Robert W. Mikol, Clinical Chaplain, Lyons Campus, New Jersey Health Care System; and Rev. Philip G. Salois, VISN 1 Chaplain Program Manager, Boston Health Care System; the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTC Kenneth Brown, Chaplain, U.S. Army; LT Charles E. Hodges, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve; and CDR Mark Jumper, Staff Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S TRADE AGENDA

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on President Bush’s Trade Agenda. Testimony was heard from Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

**NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM
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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

**BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE
UPDATE**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on

Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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MARCH 12, 2004**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, March 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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